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HEIZER, KANSAS.
4-11th

CLAFLIN GLEANINGS.
From the Banner

The wheat fields celebrated St.
Patrick's day—wore a green hue.

Mrs. Campbell passed the examina-
tion at Topeka all right and is now a
regular pharmacist.

Each resident should put out a
number of trees in their yards this
spring. Nothing beautifies a town
more than trees.

The Barton County DEMOCRAT will
be 14 years old next issue, and is as
good a 14 year old as is generally seen
in Kansas.

Mr. Riemann, and a son and
daughter, left for Peoria, Illinois Tues-
day morning to be at the bedside of a
daughter of Mr. Riemann's.

While working in his blacksmith
shop last Saturday, Mr. Hardten in
some manner cut his right hand on a
lister point which will disable him for
a week or two.

A meeting of the members of the
Bloomington Cemetery Association
will be held in Carey's hall, Claflin
Kansas, Saturday, April 3, '97 at
2:30 p. m. The purpose of the meet-
ing, is the election of officers, and the
transacting of other business of the
Association. All interested are asked
to attend.—JACOB GROSSARDT, Presi-
dent.

By "Wolkin."

Quite windy Sunday.
Henry Beiser has gone to the Strip.
A. W. Lathrop is visiting in the Strip.
Quite a number of our people spent
Thursday in Ellinwood.

Gertie Dougan and Carl Schemider
visited in the country Monday.

One of our school mam's and a
gentleman made a bet the other day,
teacher bet a pound of tobacco against
a pound of candy on the Corbett,
Fitzsimmons fight. The teacher got
the candy.

HOISINGTON COMMENTS

From the Dispatch.

Hoisington takes a pride in her
excellent sidewalks, and more walks
are being built continually.

Geo. Craig and wife are in town.
They are living on a farm ten miles
west of St. John at present.

Mrs. J. Hughes has purchased the
Whitchurch residence property on
west First street. Consideration,
\$3:25.

A fire started in some way Wed-
nesday in Willie Logan's pasture,
burning up nearly all the grass in
the pasture.

J. B. McCauley has purchased the
business building that he has been
occupying for some time. Consider-
ation, \$900.

Died—On Tuesday, March 19,
Claud, infant son of J. W. Johnson
and wife, aged 2 months and 21 days,
of congestion of the lungs. The little
one has been suffering for several
weeks and its death did not come
unexpected. Funeral services were
held at the Methodist church Wed-
nesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Will Mitchell, O. R. Kackley, Will
Patterson and the Brodie boys were
given the mysteries of the Workmen
lodge Friday night. The Great Bend
team was over and the boys were shot
through the machine as sleek as
greased lightning. After the work
the Degree of Honor had charge and
set a lunch that made all feel that
without the ladies the lodge would be
divested of half its charms.

ABOUT ELLINWOOD.

The Advocate says:

Died:—On Wednesday March 16th,
the baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Klein
of northwest of town.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Sollner of the south side a nine pound
son, on Friday March 12th.

The third son in succession was born
to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shueffer, of the
south side, on Sunday, March 14th.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Andrea of Hudson on the 9th inst, an
eight pound heir of the masculine
gender.

Matt Dick's residence has been a
veritable hospital during the past
week. Nearly the whole family has
been confined with the grip.

Hoisington has a man whose name
will represent the desire of every per-
son in Barton county if there is a good
wheat crop this year. His name is
Wantland.

The G. A. R. men of this neighbor-
hood are making preparations for a
grand reunion to be held in this city
some time about the middle of the
coming summer.

A gloom of sadness was cast over
the cheerful home of Mr. and Mrs.
John Webber Monday, by the death
of their three months old babe. The
funeral occurred at St. Peter and Paul
and the interment made in the St.
Paul cemetery Tuesday.

From the Leader.

Miss Clara Ward has accepted a
position in the Citizens bank.

A very pleasant surprise party was
given last Friday evening in honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Iten.

There seems to be a great deal of
sickness in this vicinity especially
among the children.

Young onions, lettuce and radishes
are already to be found at the stores.

J. F. Hittpole's little girl who has
been very ill with the grip, is reported
much better.

Ed Bockemuhl, Henry Back and
V. S. Musil were viewers of a road
Tuesday to be established between
sections 32-19-11 and 5-20-11, being
between John Conroy's and I. N.
Halsey's place on the north and H. F.
Panning's on the south.

John Wolf was the recipient last
week of a live deer, the gift of Kansas
City friends. The deer is gentle and
bids fair to become a great family pet,
unless, perchance, John gets hungry
for venison and lets his appetite get
the best of his affections.

CENTRAL NEWS.

(Too late for last week.)

Wheat is looking good around
Olmitz.

Sig Jacoby, in Albert, is selling
oat-meal so cheap that the people buy
it by the bushel.

One of the southern boys say's, that
"the reporters around Olmitz are
duck-gone slick fellows."

George Black says the cow he
bought of Moritz Reimer, gives so
much milk that he and Minnie can't
hardly manage to drink it.

Ed. Schreiber and Charles Moulder
left school at Dist. 39 last Friday.
When the girls heard that they
wouldn't come any more their eyes
were filled with tears.

Ed. Reimer and O. Brant went
down south to hunt ducks the Sunday
before last. When they came near

Mr. Jilg's pasture, they saw a duck
sitting in a little pond. Ed. cried:
"Stoop Otto; wait till I crawl around
dat little shlow und shoot him wit my
gun." He shot at it but found out
that it was put up for a decoy. Ed
took the duck and set it near the road
to play a trick on somebody else, but
nobody followed his example.

NORTH HILLS AND HOLLOW.

By Jas. Burton Wigton.

Another big snow Monday.
Chas. Speck was out sleighing Mon-
day last.

School will close at Dis. 42 Tues-
day, April 6th.

Sunday last was some what cold,
and Frank could not get around to see
his girl.

Two of our young men could not
wait to hear from the big fight last
Wednesday, so they had a little knock
out of their own.

Mr. Buess has resigned his office as
treasurer of the Winnie Worst Stuffin
Co. and will now go to skinnin' cats to
make kitten breeches for the exten-
sive cat raisers. Nickle & Co., of 123
and 124 West Prairie Dog Street, Ol-
mitz, Kansas.

John Juttner borrowed Jim Wig-
ton's air gun and went out snipe hunt-
ing the other evening. Well, John's
knowledge of an air gun was not of a
very great capacity, therefore he failed
to bag any snipe, and now he says
"Ich fluchel! Ich habe genug von dasz
luft-kanone in mein es sheist before
ich bekomme pferdig?"

BUFFALO HASH.

From "Bezeze Tucker."

Lewis Meyers killed three geese re-
cently.

H. M. has an attraction up west; so
I hear.

The singing at 28, closed last Fri-
day night.

Leon Roberts' school closed in Hei-
zer Tuesday.

Will Schweir made a business trip
to Bison Friday.

The roads are being worked in this
vicinity now-days.

Harry Dukes received the sad news
last week that his brother was dead, in
Oklahoma.

Rev. L. C. Schnacke, from Great
Bend, preached an interesting sermon
in Heizer Sunday.

A. Gruber is recovering from his
painful leg, which was broken some
time ago.

The school room of district 33, has
been decorated with flags and pictures
from the box supper proceeds.

The Heizer Band boys will give an
entertainment and box supper in Hei-
zer a week from Saturday night.
Everybody invited to come and
bring a box and have your fun.

WALNUT VALLEY PICKUPS.

From "The Chums."

Hello, "Jock," come again.

The wheat in this locality is looking
fine.

Mrs. Ed McGinnis is still unable to
be out.

P. P. Lorinor's little baby has been
very sick.

Will Eveleigh was doing business in
Great Bend Saturday.

Rev. Stutzman is holding revival
meeting at Hoisington.

Dan and George Keener were haul-
ing wheat to Great Bend last week.

There will be an entertainment at
district 20, Friday evening the 26th.

Mrs. Rediger and Mrs. Sam Harper
were visitors at district 45 last Friday.

We hear there is going to be a box
supper at Heizer in the near future.

Clarence and Redge Harper went
to Olmitz to see their best girl Sunday.

Wm. Boyd, our trustee, is out find-
ing out how much the farmers are
worth.

The Misses Etta and Ola Smith
were shopping in Great Bend last
Tuesday.

Miss Stella Shaw is thinking of
going to school at the C. N. C. in the
near future.

George Keener is letting his hair
grow long so he can learn how to use
the curling iron.

Miss Emma Opie is going to the
Bend the 1st of April to take a course
in dress cutting.

Harry and Jennie Mecklem and
Etta Smith spent Thursday evening
with Reinecke's young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Baldwin, Etta
Smith, and Jennie Mecklem took in
the sights at Great Bend last Friday.

We understand that D. K. has the
loan of a bran new buggy for a week
or two. Girls who will get the first
ride?

John Weltmer, jr., is working for
Mr. Clugston, of Buffalo township;

but he comes up to see the girls at
Walnut Valley every once in a while.

We hear that Dave Murphy is going
to commit matrimony. Now Dave
you want to sure and send "Chums"
an invitation. We want to dance at
your wedding.

Alvie Smith had quite an accident
one day last week. While cutting
wood the ax slipped and struck him on
the foot, cutting quite a deep gash.
But he is getting along nicely.

We thank you, Jas. Wigton, for
your advice. But as for the girls tak-
ing us "for a lad of 18," we hardly
think so. Besides, we are past think-
ing of the girls. But if we were young
and giddy, (as you say you are) the
girls might "break their head and
body coupler" to get to speak to us.
But we don't think they will as long
as there is plenty of young and good
looking boys in the county.

OLMITZ AND VICINITY.

By "Straight Goods."

Mrs. Hime has gone to Denver to
visit her sister.

Charley Kriesel leads his cow to
water by the tail.

Chas. Zoth Jr. has gone down near
Hoisington to work.

Ed Reimer has quit going to school
since he made that mash.

Reg said it was pretty cold to be
standing outside last Sunday.

The wind storm last Friday evening
played havoc with hay stacks.

Clarence Harper, from the Walnut,
was visiting in our town Sunday last.

Frank Juttner and George Wigton
started last Friday morning for Smith
county.

Wenzil Bashka is having his house
plastered this week. A Nickel has
the job.

Chas. Speck says two make a couple,
but three make more—in fact it makes
too plenty.

Entertainment and box supper in
the school house at this place Friday
evening, April 9th.

George Harper Jr. had a fight with
a "straddle-bug" the other day. We
failed to hear which came out on top.

What has become of Mr. M. the
best correspondent for the DEMOCRAT?
Being a new correspondent and not
knowing where to seek advice I would
like to hear from him.

Our livery barn is doing well, but
should receive a little patronage from
the farmers who come to town and
let their teams stand in the cold and
make use of private barns.

Frank Reidle and Frank Rich were
some of the sight seers in our burg
Sunday. They were looking for their
best girls to come to town, but unfor-
tunately the two boys got left.

Rich and Ben Speck passed through
this town with a load of hay Saturday
last; they were hauling it from near
Galatia down in Stafford county,
where Rich has a farm rented.

Will Boyle started on horse-back
to see his best girl the other evening,
and while crossing the prairie his
horse stepped in a hole and turned a
complete somersat—Will—well he is
still tumbling.

C. E. Jones is receiving instructions
on the violin, under Professor A.
Helford. With such good talent and
under such an eminent Professor, Mr.

Jones will no doubt be a great violin
virtuoso before many more years.

Mr. Nordman is seriously thinking
of going to Cripple Creek in an air
ship. We would advise him to steer
his ship well, so he will not run up
against some of his beautiful air castles
of which no doubt he will find many
in his course.

A prominent farmer of the west
side calls every body "lantsman."
One day at Great Bend upon calling
a man lantsman, he was asked where
he came from. He answered saying
"Ich kum van moscken Dorf. Sekober
Kandle is my Schwoger."

Some of the country boys are talk-
ing of building a house in this town
between now and next winter, so as to
have some place to get warm when
they come to town. Now I think this
is a bad go on us people here, and my
advice is we had better allow all peo-
ple the same privileges, and not open
the doors for some and keep closed
against others.

The people were considerably excit-
ed the other day over a wild man they
saw running across the prairie north
of town; but on investigation it turn-
ed out to be Jim Wigton who had
been hunting ducks, and after shoot-
ing one it fell in a pond, so Jim of
course pulled off his pants and went
in after mister duck, and while trying
to catch it some mischievous kids
grabbed his pants and started to run
with them; Jim of course followed
suit, and captured the kid with his
pants, just as he (the kid) was cross-
ing the railroad track

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Great Bend Fuel Co.

A. H. Schaeffer, Prop.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK.

Great Bend, State of Kansas, at the close of business on the 9th day of March, 1897:

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts on personal and col- lateral security	Capital stock paid in
Overdrafts	Surplus fund
Real Estate	Undivided profits
Furniture and fixtures	Interest
Expense account	Exchange
Cash and sight exchange	Dividend No. 14, unpaid
	Demand certificates of deposit
	Demand Deposits
TOTAL	TOTAL

State of Kansas, ss.
County of Barton, ss.
I, E. W. Bollinger, cashier of said bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that
said bank has no liabilities of any character whatsoever not set forth in said statement.
E. W. BOLLINGER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of March, 1897.
(Commission expires on the 6th day of October 1900.)
F. VERNON RUSSELL, Notary Public.

[SEAL]
C. L. MOSES
J. M. DONLEY
W. G. MERRITT
G. N. MOSES
Directors.

COMPARATIVE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.	Loans.	Cash.	Deposits.
November 2nd, 1894	\$68,980.03	\$14,896.11	\$26,322.23
January 10th, 1895	88,699.15	28,098.26	52,837.18
December 14th, 1895	71,136.27	21,539.21	45,532.88
February 25th, 1896	71,690.74	28,334.13	50,029.88
June 1st, 1896	69,283.80	33,803.64	51,659.61
December 19th, 1896	75,323.52	31,823.67	54,656.96
March 9th, 1897	71,297.34	40,968.03	78,919.89

OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.

ESTABLISHED IN 1874. COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL, \$50,000.00. SURPLUS, \$15,000.00.

J. V. BRINKMAN, President. LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier.
J. G. BRINKMAN, Vice Pres't. CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Asst's Cash.
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